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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see pages 5-7, filed 3/30/09, with respect to claims 4 and 16 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 4 and 16 has been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Daniel Stanger on July 10, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

- In the Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) filed on **12/31/07, 10/23/07 and 6/22/03**, the missing dates have been incorporated (see attached).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 4 and 16 are allowed.

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Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to IAN N. MOORE whose telephone number is (571)272-3085.

The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM- 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derrick W. Ferris can be reached on 571-272-3123. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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